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REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-9, and 13-21 stand rejected. Claims 2, 3, 10-12, 14-16, and 22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected based claim. The examiner has stated that the latter set of claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Consequently, the following amendments have been made to the claims:

Claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form and includes all the limitations of claim 1 and is believed to be allowable.

Claim 4 has been amended to depend upon claim 2. Claims 5-8, remain dependent upon claim 4 and are believed to be allowable.

Claim 9 has been amended to depend upon claim 2. Claim 10 remains dependent upon claim 9 and it is believed to be allowable.

Claim 13 has been amended to depend upon claim 2. Claim 14 remains dependent upon claim 13 and claims 15 and 16 remain depended upon claim 14 and are believed to be allowable.

Claim 17 has been amended to depend upon claim 2. Claims 18 and 19 remain dependent upon claim 17 and claim 20 remains dependent upon claim 18 or 10 and are believed to be allowable.

Claim 21 been amended to depend upon claim 2 and is believed to be allowable.

Claim 22 has been rewritten in independent form and includes all the limitations of claim 1 and is believed to be allowable.

New claim 23 is based on original claim 22 and depends upon independent claim 2 and is believed to be allowable.

The applicants believe the claims are in condition for allowance.

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In view of the foregoing, allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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